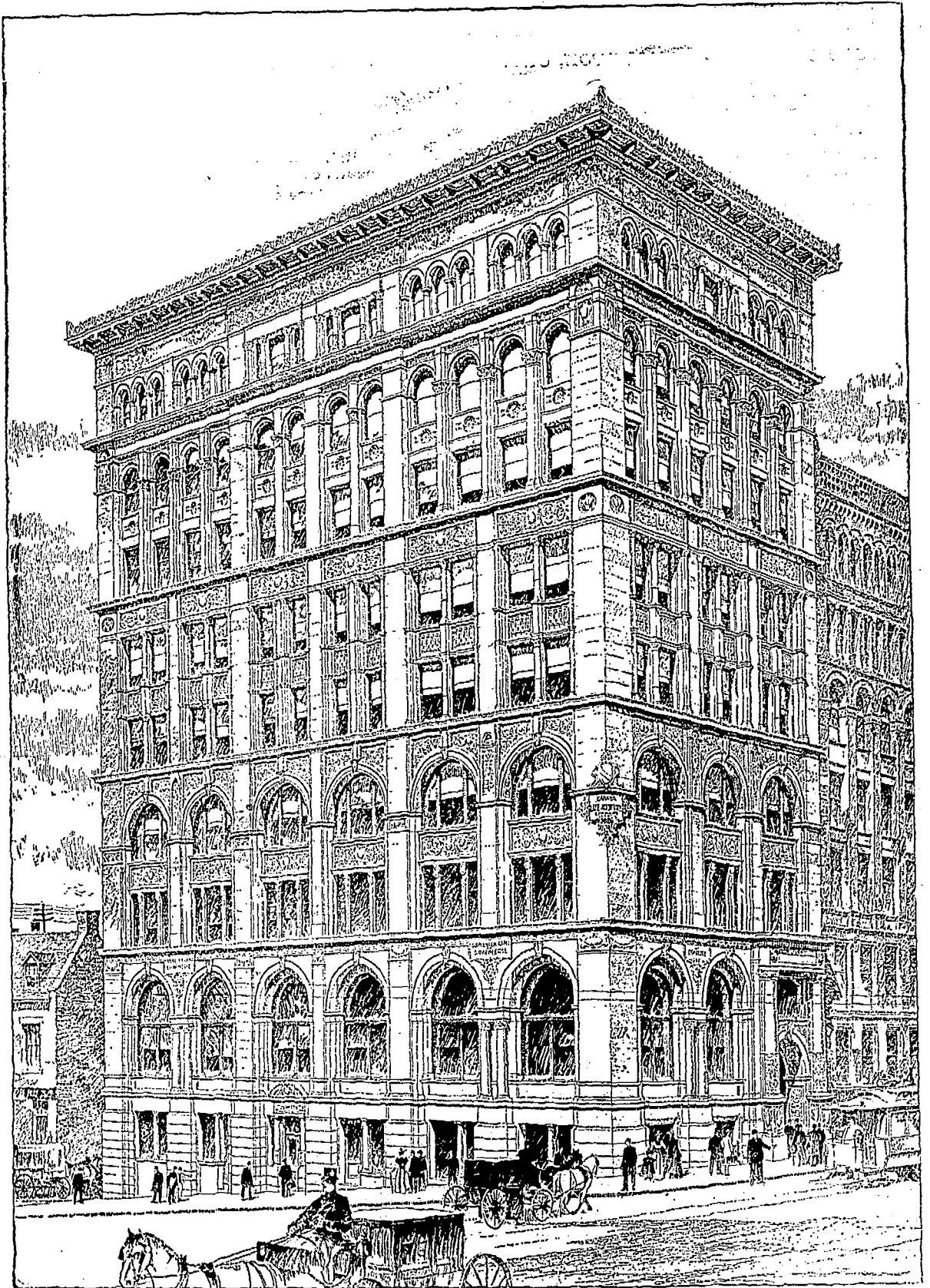


The CANADA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY'S OFFICES.



The tendency of all prosperous business houses is to have a building such as will not only reflect credit upon the enterprise of the firm, but also add beauty to the vicinity. In this march of progress the Canada Life Assurance Company will not be left behind, and they are erecting a magnificent structure on the corner of St. James and St. Peter streets.

The building, as will be seen by the illustration, consists of a high basement and ground floor story and seven stories above. The style adopted is the free Renaissance, broad yet rich in treatment, both as to detail as well as sculptural surfaces. It will have a frontage on St. James street of fifty-eight feet, and on St. Peter street will extend to Fortification lane. The three façades will be constructed of dressed stone work, the solid surfaces of which will be coarse sand-rubbed, while the moulded and

sculptured surfaces will be left from the chisel. Its structural carcass will be built-up steel stanchions and girders, with rolled iron floor and roof beams; the whole protected by most permanent brick masonry work and fire-clay covering, so as to render the entire structure absolutely fire-proof. There will be two principal entrances to the building, the chief one being on St. James street and a second on St. Peter street. The first-named entrance will lead through a pronounced vestibule to the foot of an impressive marble staircase, ascending to the ground floor story, which will be occupied by the Canadian Bank of Commerce; also steps descending to a spacious elevator lobby. Both entrance halls intersect at this point, where also is located the staircase giving immediate access to each of the eight upper stories. The passenger elevator service is a well-planned feature, being central, spacious, well lighted and open. Two carriages of art metal iron-work, electric motor power, and of such speed that a carriage will always be in

waiting, both above and below.

Most commodious offices will be arranged on the first story for the Company's purposes. While the six stories above will be arranged for tenants' offices, which as to size, height, light, outlook, general conveniences and finish will equal those of any metropolitan city.

The entrances, corridors, and offices will be heated by means of a low pressure steam warming plant, artificially lighted with incandescent lamps and gas, also will have hot and cold water, male retiring rooms on each story, with stenographer's toilet-room on the second story.

The architect, Mr. Richard A. Watte, also designed the Company's striking and graceful head office building erected in Hamilton; and the pronounced and impressive office building erected in Toronto. These, with the Montreal structure, are appropriate as expressing the Canada Life Assurance Company's unquestionable position.